

Save Moldova's Orphans

2018 UPDATE

Who we are

Save the Orphans is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of orphans and displaced families in Moldova (Europe's poorest country) and neighboring areas.

We provide food, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene necessities for orphans, social orphans, and extended families, as well as support for orphanages and transitional homes.

Our support aims to keep families together and to enable orphans to complete their education (vocational and university level) while protecting them from human trafficking.

Our Chairman Sylvia Mader, along with our Director of Operations in Moldova, has been helping Moldovan orphans since 2007.

In May, Sylvia visited Moldova and was able to sponsor our programs for orphan care over a period of 10 days.



DIVITA GRATE UNIVERSITY AND ORHEI ORPHANAGE

DAY 1 & 2

I was graciously picked up at the airport and able to stay on the Campus of the Divita Gratiae University (UDG).

I enjoyed meeting with faculty and students of the Master of Social Work (MSW) program of counseling and social work. I was also able to meet with Dr. Dumitru Sevastian, the Dean of Faculty of Theology and Serghei Namesnic, the Provost of Divita Gratiae University.

Our local Director of Moldova Operations is Diana Todica; she coordinated and oversaw all logistics of the trip. We visited the Orhei orphanage with 10 students and their guitars. At this orphanage there are about 240 severely handicapped male orphans. Half are restricted to their beds and cannot walk or talk. However, they have the most amazing smiles when you speak to them or touch them on their foreheads or cheeks. For the other orphans we were able to sing songs and visit as we gave out gifts of socks and fresh fruits.



**SERGHEI NAMESNIC,
PROVOST OF UDG**



UDG STUDENTS



DIANA AND TEAM



ORHEI ORPHAN

BULBOACA AND CARPINENI ORPHANAGES

DAY 4 & 5

The students from the University along with Diana and I visited both the Bulboaca and Carpineni Orphanages. At these orphanages we are able to offer our full program of playing games, singing songs, and lectures. We spoke about the importance of self-esteem and confidence, which is always a struggle for orphans, as well as breaking the cycle of alcoholism and violence from their early childhoods.



We gave out personalized t-shirts and hats with the message "you are beautiful." We spoke about the value of education as their key for future success and how to protect themselves from the dangers of human trafficking.



"YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL" T-SHIRTS



UDG STUDENTS SINGING



ORPHANAGE OF VILLAGE ANENII-NOI , BUEBOACA



**CARPINANI ORPHANAGE
DIRECTOR TUDOR**



ORPHANS SHARING STOP TRAFFICKING MESSAGE

VILLAGE OF SOLDENESTI

Brother Vasile Surdu's Ministry



OPERATIONS MOBILIZE VOLUNTEERS AND SYLVIA



BOTHER VASILE SURDU



SOCIAL ORPHANS

DAY 6 & 7

I traveled to the village of Soldanesti where I stayed with Pastor Vasile and his wife Lucia. Vasile and Lucia have built a lovely church for their community and they also have a transitional home for orphan boys. I sponsored a two-day program for the children and social orphans of their village. This program consisted of arts, crafts, singing, games, and lessons with breakfast, lunch, and treats each day.

HINCESTI ORPHANAGE

DAY 8 & 9

I had the joy to celebrate my sponsored daughter's 22nd birthday. Roch and I have sponsored Mihaela from the age of 9; she was an orphan at the Strasseni Orphanage. Now, at age 22, she is married, has a beautiful child and is willing to help poor families in her Village.



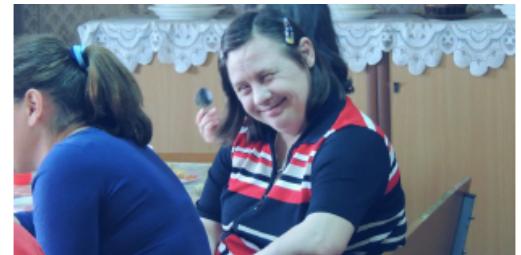
DAUGHTER MIHAELA PROVIDING FOOD BAGS



We visited the Hincesti Orphanage which hosts 300 handicap orphan girls. We loved the response and gratitude from the treats of fresh fruits and gifts of socks. Their smiles warmed our hearts and their appreciation made the trip worthwhile.



SHARING WITH HINCESTI ORPHANS



'FACEVA' THE OAK HOUSE

Transitional Home for college bound orphans

DAY 10

This day was special because the girls from Oak House Transitional home prepared a surprise birthday celebration for me. Each girl shared their story about the journey growing up as an orphan and the impact that groups like us make in their lives. The celebration ended with pizza, cake, a prayer, and a happy birthday song to me.

This was one of the most rewarding trips so far, not only because we accomplished a lot but also we were able to reach many different orphans, social orphans, children in hospitals and villages.



CELEBRATING SYLVIA'S BIRTHDAY



LISTENING TO EACH ORPHAN'S STORY